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Green Trouble

No cracker sale at J.K. Grounds till HC order on eco-friendly crackers

The main entry gate to J.K. Grounds in city where cracker stalls are set up was locked by the authorities this morning.

Mysuru, Nov.13 (SSV&MTY)- Sale of crackers has come to a standstill in city following issuance of a notice to State Government by the High Court (HC) on the grounds that it had not defined what a 'green cracker' is, in its recent order on sale and use of crackers. The HC observed that Government Order was ineffective as it has not bothered to lay down meaning of green crackers.

(See GREEN on page 7)

Ravi Belagere passes away

Bengaluru, Nov.13 (SSV)- Ravi Belagere (62), a veteran journalist, who transformed Kannada journalism through his Weekly tabloid *Hai Bangalore*, passed away at his office late on Thursday night following a heart attack. He is survived by two wives, two daughters and two sons. His body was kept at Prarthana School Grounds in Padmanabhanagar where people paid their last respects. Last rites will be held after 4 pm.

(See BELAGERE on page 6)

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	115
Total positive cases	:	49,212
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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 13th November 2020

City Engineering College Projects get funds

Mysuru, Nov. 13- The Department of Information Science and Engineering (ISE), GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, was funded five lakh for the establishment of 'Forensic network analyzer for designing ISP network monitoring, security and management system' by the Vision Group of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka under SMYSR (Seed Money to Young Scientists for Research), during the year 2018-2019. The Department is headed by Dr. Reshma Banu.

The outcome of the facilities created at the Department includes the sponsored student projects by funding agencies.

Other projects that received funds are as follows:

The Project Developed by **Shravanthi D. Jain, M. Bhanupriya, H.V. Akshatha** and **B.K. Keerthana** titled 'Cyber Physical Systems: Design if User Interface for interaction with Heterogeneous Vehicles' was funded with Rs.15,000 at the IEEE Bangalore Section Student Innovation Project Fund 2018-2019. The Project Developed by **R. Varshitha, Ameena Firdous, P.S. Shubha** and **M. Niveditha** titled 'Smart helmet for delivery boy safety control and activity analyzer using IOT' was funded with Rs. 12,000 by Karnataka State Council for Science & Technology (KSCST) for the year 2018-2019.

Safura Zohareen was awarded Rs. 10,000 at 'ANTARPRERANA' organised by Entrepreneurship Development of India, a Government of India initiative, for presenting the idea for designing a Bookery website for best online and offline book stores for those looking to buy new or used books.

Fifteen more sponsored projects, carried out during the academic year 2019-2020 guided by Dr. Reshma Banu, P. Chaya, Ayesha Taranum, M. Anand, G. Soumya Dath and K.C. Thangamma, have been implemented successfully and working models of these projects are exhibited in funded programme specific lab of the Department — MONOSEK Laboratory. The Department is having Research Centre to promote R and D activities for both staff and students.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Listening to the all-embracing tenor of the new US President-Elect Joe Biden's acceptance speech, one was reminded of the stirring speech of the second inaugural address of Abraham Lincoln. The simple, soulful, opening line of his address, "With malice towards none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right..." that seemed to define Lincoln's spiritual dimension as much as his political vision for America. Emulating Lincoln in spirit, would be a tough act indeed. Lincoln's words resonate beyond the ages, beyond historical and political contexts, for here was a President empathizing with all, in the finest spiritual and humanist outreach to a war-torn America of the 1860s.

In exhorting all to replace enmity and retribution with forgiveness and charity, Lincoln reaches out to all ages and nations with his vision of the good life. In underscoring that America's greatness will depend on how it responds to moral challenges of his time, Lincoln went beyond political context. Deliberating all his life on the issues of slavery and inequality, Lincoln responded to challenges by asserting the humanistic ideal of every man being born free and equal, an ideal forged by his own working class background and trials.

It is this aspirational idealism of Lincoln's, despite the odds, that defines him most. Despite grappling with issues of faith and spirit which gave him no easy answers, he saw himself as an 'active" instrument of Providence, and this imbued him with a tremendous sense of spiritual resolve towards his duty, a dispassionate determination to do the right thing in public office. Modern leadership has much to learn from Lincoln's sense of duty and destiny, both. One wonders if Biden can do a Lincoln, in these turbulent times, both for America and the world. *— Pranav Khullar in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

UV tattoos – To hide or highlight your tattoos

New York: UV tattoos are most often used to highlight designs inked with traditional tattoo ink, but when done by experienced tattoo artists using the right materials, these tattoos can be almost invisible in regular light, only which is something that people who don't want to deal with the stigma of having tattoos appreciate.

Although they've been around for many years now, UV tattoos, also known as black light tattoos, have been growing in popularity, both among club goers craving attention, and tattoo lovers wanting to make their traditional ink stand out in certain conditions.

Speaking of loss of glow, an invisible tattoo can last up to five years before it starts to fade, but every person's skin is different, and respecting the aftercare instructions is crucial to ensuring that the ink lasts as long as possible.

The mural that absorbs pollution as 780 trees

Warsaw: Here is a mural on the side of a building that has the same pollution-cleaning effect of 780 trees.

The latest mural in the Polish city of Warsaw is not only an aesthetically pleasing artwork, but also an ingenious way to tackle urban pollution. Painted using photocatalytic paint with titanium dioxide, on a building that faces the busy metro station Politechnika, the ingenious mural reportedly attracts airborne pollutants before converting them into harmless nitrates through a chemical process involving sunlight.

Sunlight acts as a catalyst for a process that turns the nitrogen oxides into water, small amounts of CO_2 and calcium nitrate. The calcium nitrate is washed away when it rains, leaving the canvas free to attract more pollutants.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What's more popular, almond milk or soy milk?

Almond milk passed soy milk in popularity in 2014 as the most popular animal milk substitute. Almond milk can be found in the cold dairy case at supermarkets. It has existed as a beverage since the middle ages, when it was preferred by nobles over animal milk.

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	74
Total positive cases	:	17,788
Total discharges	:	16,943
Total deaths	:	145
Total active cases	:	700

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	12
Total positive cases	:	6,177
Total discharges	:	5,911
Total deaths	:	114
Total active cases	:	141

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	8
Total positive cases	:	5,082
Total discharges	:	4,895
Total deaths	:	64
Total active cases	:	123

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	100
Total positive cases	:	26,203
Total discharges	:	24,931
Total deaths	:	380
Total active cases	:	892

Really...?

- *July 14 is Shark Awareness Day.*
- *Sharks are some of the most beautiful creatures in the ocean, but due to overfishing and other factors, many species are in danger.*
- *An estimated 100 million sharks are killed every year. Sharks do not have bones.*
- *The whale shark is the largest fish in the ocean.*
- *Great white sharks are the largest predatory fish on the planet.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A crazy patient went to the doctor and asked: *If a toothless dog bites me what treatment would you give?*

Doctor: *Nothing I would give you a needleless injection!!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.67
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.09
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.33
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.17

VOICE OF THE READER

Hassle-free Aadhaar updation at Post Office

Sir

Recently I went to Mysore South Post Office on Manandavadi Road to get my son's Aadhaar card updated. I was taken aback once I saw the name plate Dr. Venkatesh, M.Com, who is in charge of the Post Office.

He politely asked us to sit for a while, gave a form to fill, scanned face and iris and we left after remitting the required fee.

No appointment, no tokens, no waiting period and no hassles. Within a few minutes I got an SMS acknowledging the updation and within a week I got the updated message.

Years back when Aadhaar was first introduced, my family members got the Aadhaar card in the same manner but in a distant Post Office. I only wish may their tribe increase.

—Kalaseshwara
Mysuru
11.11.2020

Obituary

R. Srinivas

Mysuru, Nov. 13- R. Srinivas (67), a retired Health Department employee and a resident of Vijayanagar 4th Stage, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind two daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this noon.

Y. Jayamma

Y. Jayamma (82), a retired lecturer and a resident of Hebbal 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday in city. She was the grand-daughter of Palace contractor late T. Yalakkachar.

She leaves behind two sisters and a host of relatives and friends. Jayamma, who studied at Mysore University, had bagged a gold medal in MA in 1963, which was presented by erstwhile King Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar. She had served as a lecturer at JSS Teachers Training Institute and was also a sculptor. She had bagged Karnataka Shilpakala Academy Award in 2012. Last rites were performed at Hebbal Burial Grounds this noon.

K.G. Sathya

Mandya: K.G. Sathya (65), a retired Headmaster and a resident of Keregodu village in the taluk, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife Gowramma, three sons including Dr. K.S. Jayakumar, an Assistant Professor at PES Law College, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the village.

Interaction meet with talented children

Mysuru, Nov.13- As part of Children's' Day, Mysore Art Gallery has organised an interaction meet with talented children at the Gallery on Ramanuja road in city at 11 am tomorrow (Nov.14). Child achievers Shresta S. Juptimath, M.Mahendra Prasad and G.S.Nandeesh will take part.

Senior Theatre artiste B.M. Ramachandra will inaugurate.

Meritorious children of Government Schools who scored high marks will be distributed prizes on the occasion. A two-day painting expo will be held on Nov.14 and 15, featuring paintings of Nandeesh. The expo will be open for public from 10 am to 5 pm on both the days [Call: 94481-30067 or 99868-81128].

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NEWS BRIEFS

Dist. Child Welfare Committee meeting

According to Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 and Juvenile Justice Model Rules 2016, the District Child Welfare Committee in Mysuru used to meet on every Tuesdays and Fridays. Henceforth, the Committee will meet on Mondays and Fridays effective from Nov. 9, 2020 till Jan. 12, 2021. For details, contact the Superintendent, Government Girls Balamandira, Mysuru, on Ph: 0821-2472576, according to a press release from the District Child Protection Officer, District Child Protection Unit, Mysuru.

Animals adopted

Following individuals/ institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: Nature Club, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru - Tiger, Nilgiri Langur, Mouse Deer and Peacock - Rs. 1,21,000; K.N. Megha, Bengaluru - Indian Muntjac - Rs. 5,000, G. Sridevi, Mysuru - Indian Great Hornbill - Rs. 5,000, B/o Shilpa Lokesh, Mysuru - Love Bird - Rs.1,000, B. Nagabhushan, Bengaluru - Budgerigar - Rs. 1,000, Darshan Keerthi, Mysuru - Indian Cobra - Rs. 2,000, Dr. A. Rangaswamy, Mysuru - Peacock - Rs. 3,500, Master Aksharan Varddarajan, Bengaluru - Australian Rainbow Lorikeet - Rs. 2,000.

Aadhaar Seva Kendras closed

Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) in Saraswathipuram will remain closed on Nov. 14 on the occasion of *Deepavali,* whereas ASK in Vijayanagar will be closed on Nov. 16, according to a press release from Col. N.G. Krishna Prasad (retd.), Centre Manager, ASKs, Vijayanagar & Saraswathipuram, Mysuru [Ph: 0821-4000022]

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	123.67 ft
Yesterday	123.80 ft
Inflow	3,953 cusecs
Outflow	5,805 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,278.44 ft
Inflow	449 cusecs
Outflow	2,440 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,850.31 ft
Inflow	113 cusecs
Outflow	1,675 cusecs

'NaMo Divas Namaskar,' a platform to implement Govt. Schemes: Ramdas

- MLA invites feedback, seeks suggestions to improvise 197 Central Government schemes
- 2-month online suggestion contest, launched on PM Modi's birthday, to end on Nov. 15

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (PM&KS)- KR MLA S.A. Ramdas has invited feedback and has also sought suggestions to improvise 197 Central Government schemes and programmes which are aimed for the welfare of public.

Addressing a press meet at a private hotel in city on Wednesday, Ramdas said that the public could give their valuable feedback and suggestions for effective implementation of Central Government programmes through an online programme titled 'NaMo Divas Namaskar-Festival of Developments,' which was launched on Sept. 17 on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday.

He said that feedback and suggestions could be given by logging on *http://shorturl.at/ae267* and added that the last date for giving suggestions was Nov. 15.

10 cash prizes

After logging on to the website, the public should select from the list of schemes and provide suggestions to facilitate efficient and speedy implementation of Government Schemes. One must select seven schemes and provide valuable suggestions to get a chance to win 10 cash prizes.

The website also provides link to provide opportunity to give suggestions in Kannada, Hindi, English and other regional languages, he said and added that the top suggestion giver would be given a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 and also get a chance to meet PM Modi.

Other cash prizes include Rs. 45,000, Rs. 40,000, Rs. 35,000, Rs. 30,000, Rs. 25,000, Rs. 15,000, Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 5,000 among nine cash prizes.

Information about this online contest is provided on social network platforms such as *Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, WhatsApp* and *Telegram,* the MLA said and added that bulk messages of links have been provided and the link is expected to reach one crore people in four days. Ramdas has urged the public to participate in large numbers and provide their valuable suggestions.

Ten judges to scrutinise suggestions

Ramdas said that to select top suggestion givers, a team of judges has been formed at the National-level, who would go through the suggestions and select the winners. This process may take two months to complete, he added.

Ramdas said that the judges include BJP National Spokesperson Nupur Sharma, Delhi Spokesperson Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga, Vikas Pandey of Namo Campaign, Policy expert Dhaval Patel, Economist Harsh Madhusudhan, Indian Council for Cultural Relation Regional Director Dr. Jigar Champaklal Inamdar, ABVP National Media Convenor Rahul Chaudhary, TFI Founder Atul Mishra, Shubhangi Sharma and Ajit Datta.

He said that the online contest information has been sent to all Union Ministers, Lok Sabha Members, Rajya Sabha Members, officials of Administrative Training Centres, autonomous bodies of Central and State Governments, Karnataka MLAs, BJP Presidents of all States, Government Departments and Universities and also researchers at various Universities.

KR Constituency BJP President M. Vadivelu, Vice-President Santosh Shambu, General Secretary Nagendra and Secretary Prasad Babu were present during the press meet.

Construction works of new building for Sakhi Santwana Kendra launched

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (MTY&DM)- Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra performed *Guddali Puja* (Ground-breaking ceremony) for the new building of Sakhi Santwana Kendra, a one stop centre that provides legal and medical aid to women and child victims of atrocities, at Cheluvamba Hospital premises here on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Nagendra said that the Sakhi Kendra is currently functioning at a small chamber of Cheluvamba Hospital. But the Government, taking note of the need for a more spacious facility, allotted Rs.48 lakh under the Centre's Nirbhaya fund, with which the new building is being constructed. Pointing out that the building is coming up at a 40'x40' site behind the Children's' Hospital in Cheluvamba Hospital premises, he said that the construction work has been taken up by Nirmithi Kendra.

Stating that the construction agency has been asked to complete works in four months, he said that the Kendra is a boon for women victims as it provides them medical, legal and counselling services, all under one roof.

Women and Child Welfare Deputy Director K. Padma told *Star of Mysore* that the Sakhi Santwana Kendra was established in a small chamber of Cheluvamba Hospital in November 2014. Now exactly six years later, the Santwana Kendra is getting a new building, with the MLA performing the ground-breaking ceremony for its construction.

Pointing out that the Santwana Kendra provides care for women and girl children who fall victims of atrocities and crimes such as dowry harassment, domestic disharmony, molestation, sexual harassment, child marriage, human trafficking, acid attacks etc., she said that all victims visiting this Kendra need not have to go to Police Stations to lodge complaints. The Kendra will extend all necessary legal, medical aid and counselling services under one roof, she added.

Cheluvamba Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. Pramila, Corporator M.D. Nagaraj, Women and Child Welfare Programme Officer Geethalakshmi, Nirmithi Kendra Engineers Lava and Satish, leaders Dinesh Gowda, Praveen Kumar and others were present.

Development works

Earlier on Tuesday, continuing his spree of launching development works, MLA Nagendra performed *Guddali Puja* for a slew of development works totally worth Rs.50 lakh in the constituency.

The works included road and UGD construction works at B.M. Shri Nagar's Ambedkar Jnanaloka Colony coming under MCC Ward 7, costing Rs. 25 lakh and concrete road and UGD works at Lokanayakanagar, Pourakarmika Colony in Hebbal coming under Ward 4, costing Rs. 25 lakh.

Corporators Ramesh and Pailwan Srinivas, Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL) AEE Thippareddy, BJP leaders Somashekararaju, Puneet, Kumaragowda, Puttabuddhi, Ramegowda, Manju and others were present.

Man arrested for stealing relative's gold chain

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (MK&KS)- Nazarbad Police, have arrested a man on charges of stealing a 70 gram gold *mangalya* chain of his relative.

The arrested is 33-year-old S. Santosh Kumar, a resident of KHB Colony in Hootagalli.

Santosh had accompanied his relative (uncle's daughter) to a garment shop near Mysuru Zoo during which the relative had given her vanity bag to Santosh. It was then Santosh had allegedly lifted the 70 gram gold *mangalya* chain worth Rs. 3.5 lakh from the vanity bag. After returning home, when Santosh's relative found the gold chain missing from the vanity bag, she immediately lodged a complaint.

Nazarbad Police, who had registered a case, arrested Santosh near Hinkal Signal on Thursday morning and brought him to the Police Station. During interrogation, accused Santosh is said to have confessed of stealing the gold *mangalya* chain from his relative's vanity bag and based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered the stolen gold mangalya chain from him.

DCP M.S. Geetha Prasanna and Devaraja Sub-Division ACP Shashidhar supervised Nazarbad Inspector G.N. Srikanth, Sub-Inspector M.L. Siddesh, ASI Krishna and staff H.V. Madhukesh, B.V. Prakash, P. Chethan, Sandesh Kumar, Kiran Rathod, H.S. Chethan and Sowmya in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Boy goes missing from city

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (KS)- A 16-year-old boy, who left his house in Metagalli Police limits on Nov. 9, has since gone missing.

Vishwas

The missing boy is Vishwas, according to the complaint lodged by his father with the Police.

Those having any information about the missing boy, may contact Metagalli Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418315/311 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

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Beggar woman finds Police documents on roadside

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (MK&KS)- Documents pertaining to Mounted Police Commandant Office has been found by a beggar woman on the roadside. The incident has come to light lately.

The beggar woman, who found the files containing documents pertaining to the services of Mounted Police staff on the roadside, adjacent to the Mounted Police Office, picked up the files and kept it near the Trin Trin bicycle docking station. This has been captured on the CCTV camera.

Later, the person manning the docking station, who saw the files, has handed it over to the Police.

Meanwhile, Mounted Police DCP Nagaraju, who spoke to *Star of Mysore,* said that the files found on the roadside was that of Police staff and added that an investigation as to how the files were left on the roadside would be conducted.

Rider injured while trying to avoid Police during face mask drive

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (KS)- A two-wheeler rider sustained injuries while reportedly trying to avoid Police, who were conducting face mask drive on Infosys Road at Hebbal yesterday.

The injured rider is Akarsh. Yesterday afternoon, Hebbal Police were conducting a drive against those for not wearing face mask. The Police, who saw Akarsh, riding a scooter without wearing a face mask, tried to stop him during which Akarsh, who reportedly tried to avoid being caught by the Police, lost control of his scooter and fell down sustaining injuries.

Meanwhile, DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, speaking to *Star of Mysore* said that no case has been registered on the rider and added that the video, which is doing rounds on social media shows no assault on the rider by the Police, but shows Akarsh, questioning the Police for assaulting him unnecessarily. The truth would be known only after conducting an investigation and action would be taken, the DCP said.

Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, Nov. 13 (KS)- In separate cases, Saraswathipuram and Hebbal Police have found bodies of unidentified persons in their jurisdictions and have shifted the bodies to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering cases.

In the first case, Saraswathipuram Police, following a complaint, have found a body of an unidentified man in front of a shop on Nov. 9 at about 11 am. The unidentified man is aged between 40 and 45 years, 5.4 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, normal built and was found wearing a white and blue full arm shirt and blue pant.

In the second case, Hebbal Police have found a body of an unidentified man aged between 35 and 40 years in a decomposed state at the non-functional vegetable market, opposite Subramanyeshwara Temple at Subramanya Nagar in Hebbal 3rd Stage on Nov. 10. The deceased is 5.5 ft. tall, oval faced, normal built, dark complexioned and was found wearing a blue and red checks shirt and blue jeans pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased may contact Saraswathipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418323 and Hebbal Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318 or 0821-2418339.

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Good response for Housing Board Projects: Minister Somanna

Housing Minister V. Somanna addressing a press meet at Government Guest House in Nazarbad this morning as KHB Chairman Araga Gnanendra, MLAs S.A. Ramdas, G.T. Devegowda and L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, MP Pratap Simha and others look on.

Mysuru, Nov.13 (RKB&DM)- Housing Minister V. Somanna today said that the Government is committed to meet its ambitious objective of 'Housing for All' for which it has launched many Housing Projects across the State.

Addressing a press meet at Government Guest House in Nazarbad, Somanna said that the Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) is executing 16 Housing Projects totally worth Rs.894 crore in 2,015 acres of land, including the prestigious KRS Nisarga Layout near Yelwal in the outskirts of the city.

Pointing out that the tender process for construction of 8 Housing Complexes in a total of 357 acres across the State has begun, Somanna said that it has also been proposed to execute 19 more Housing Projects in 2,736 acres of area at a cost of Rs.1,188 crore at different places in the State. The houses and plots of the KHB are in great demand as can be seen by the huge number of applications that the KHB is receiving, he contended.

Stating that a full-fledged Residential Layout will come up in 100 acre area on the outskirts of Chamarajanagar shortly, he said that the KHB will execute similar Housing Project at Hanur-Kollegal in the district.

Maintaining that there is no dearth of funds in the KHB, he said that measures have been taken for digitalising 25,000 properties of KHB, collectively worth about Rs.3,000 crore and that the Board plans to augment its resources by disposal of its properties from time to time.

Somanna added that the KHB recently earned Rs.400 crore through sale and allotment of a total of 1,536 properties, which included 1,134 residential sites, 380 houses/plots, 16 CA sites and six commercial complexes.

Earlier in the morning, the Minister visited Chamundi Hill and offered prayers to the deity at the Hill temple. Former MP C.H. Vijayashankar, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, District President Mangala Somashekar, party leaders Kote Shivanna, Sandesh Swamy, B.P. Manjunath and others were also present.

Somanna later visited Suttur Mutt and sought the blessings of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji before proceeding to Yelwal where he distributed compensatory sites to land owners who parted with their land for the formation of KHB KRS Nisarga Residential Layout.

Health experts train 85 reps on handling COVID War Room

Mysuru, Nov. 13- The four-day training on handling COVID War Room concluded yesterday. A total of 85 representatives from 25 districts successfully completed training held at the Mysuru COVID-19 War Room on handling *Apthamitra* software and management of beds in hospitals for efficient management of the pandemic in their respective districts.

Lt. Col. S.U. Ashok, Nodal Officer of Mysuru COVID War Room and Dr. Seethalakshmi, District AYUSH Officer, modulated the training programme.

KAS Officers Durgashree and Venkatalakshmi, Dr. Manosha, resource persons Girish and Satheesh took classes for the participants as part of the training conducted under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri.

Additional Deputy Commissioner B.S. Manjunathaswamy was present at the valedictory function of the training.

Candidates were sent by their respective district authorities as many of the districts appreciated the model and functioning of Mysuru COVID War Room.

Although the cases are steadily dropping, the districts have continued to combat the pandemic until the vaccine was found and making preparations that are essential to keep Corona under control.

Ravi Belagere: A fearless and popular writer

A file photo of** Hai Bangalore **Editor Ravi Belagere** (second from left) **releasing** Choomantra, **a collection of** Mysooru Mithra **Editor K.B. Ganapathy's popular column, during the silver jubilee celebrations of** Mysooru Mithra, **Kannada daily morninger, at Crawford Hall in Mysuru on 16th April, 2005. Others seen are K.B. Ganapathy, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Prof. Chandrashekhar Patil and C.P. Chinnappa.

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According to his family sources, Ravi Belagere suffered a heart attack and was immediately shifted to a private hospital where he breathed his last.

Condoled: Several dignitaries have condoled his death. Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi, MP D.K. Suresh and others have mourned the death and opined it was a big loss to Kannada journalism.

Profile: Born on March 15, 1958 in Bellary, Ravi Belagere completed his studies in Bellary and came to Bangalore in search of job. Before starting *Hai Bangalore,* a Kannada tabloid in 1995, he did odd jobs such as a receptionist in a lodge, sold milk and vegetables and then worked in Printing Press.

The tabloid transformed the Kannada journalism and captivated readers through his writing style. He kept his readers on tenterhooks and they would wait for the Weekly (published on Thursdays) to grab the copies. His series of articles on underworld dons, who once ruled the Bengaluru City, became an instant hit among youth readers. He invited both friends and enemies through his fearless writing on politicians.

He has written over 70 books and had opened Belagere Book Centre (BBC) in Bengaluru for the sale of his books. His columns in the tabloid, including *Love Lavike, Khaas Baat* and *Paapigala Lokadalli,* became extremely popular. In the column *Paapigala Lokadalli,* he wrote about the inner workings of the underworld and the Police force. The popularity of *Paapigala Lokadalli* also led him to publish a two-part book of the same name which opened up discussions about the underworld in Bengaluru. Ravi Belagere later started a magazine called *O Manase,* which also became a success. He was a contestant in *Bigg Boss* Kannada Season 7.

Apart from journalism, he also made a niche as anchor in news channel and hosted a number of programmes which took him nearer to people. Belagere, an avid traveller, had spent two weeks in Kargil during Kargil conflict and wrote a number of stories on life of soldiers in the border. In recognition of his contribution to Kannada journalism, he was honoured with various awards including *Kannada Rajyotsava, Karnataka Media Academy* and *Kannada Sahitya Academy.*

Belagere had started a chain of Schools in the name of *'Prarthana'* in which around 6,000 students are studying. He got into trouble when he was sentenced to one-year imprisonment for breach of privilege by Speaker of Karnataka State Legislative Assembly K.B. Koliwad in the Siddharamaiah Government, for writing articles against two legislators who had moved it to Privilege Committee. Subsequently, he got a relief from Karnataka High Court.

Recently, he was arrested by Central Crime Bureau (CCB) on charges of giving 'supari' to eliminate a fellow journalist, Sunil Heggaravalli. He was booked for attempt to murder and under the Arms Act, after two firearms were recovered from his Padmanabhanagar residence. He was granted bail later.

Admissions

Mysuru, Nov. 13- The Government Industrial Institutes at N.R. Mohalla and Belawadi have invited applications from eligible candidates for direct admission to various trades on merit-cum-reservation basis. Eligible candidates are requested to submit applications along with relevant documents at offices of the above two institutes before Nov. 17, according to a press release.

Green Trouble...

Police prevent people from entering the J.K. Grounds to buy crackers this morning. Picture right shows anxious cracker traders who are awaiting order from the Court to resume business at the venue where they have setup their stalls .

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The State Government is likely to furnish its reply to the High Court (HC) as hardly a few hours are left for the three-day Deepavali festival, which will start from tomorrow. Cracker stalls are put up across the city for the sale of firecrackers in view of the festival.

Close on the heels of this development, the authorities have locked the main gate of J.K. Grounds where a large number of stalls are setup to sell crackers. Police have been posted at the main gate to prevent people from entering the ground to buy firecrackers.

Suresh, who has put up a stall in JK Grounds, told *Star of Mysore* that he came to know that some persons have moved the HC questioning the State Government's decision to allow the sale and burning of green crackers only, but without mentioning what a green cracker means. This had not only confused officials, but also citizens. "Documents to support our argument that all the crackers manufactured at Sivakasi in Tamil Nadu are 'green crackers' as specified by CSIR and NEERI since 2019, are given to advocates representing cracker traders. We are optimistic of a favourable order from the HC by 4 pm. Thereafter, the sale of crackers across the city may resume", he added.

Meanwhile, an office-bearer of Hebbal Industrial Area Wholesale Crackers Dealers Association said, since this morning, office of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has insisted every trader to give an undertaking that the firecrackers sold by them are green crackers. Permission to sell crackers is given only after giving it in writing. A clear picture may arrive by this evening, he added.

Rains play spoilsport

Meanwhile, the city was experiencing intermittent rain that has affected the sale of crackers. On the one hand, the State Government has appealed to the citizens to celebrate the festival of lights in a simple manner in view of COVID-19 pandemic. Several leading doctors, including Dr.C.N. Manjunath, Cardiologist and Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bengaluru had opined that the smoke emanating from the crackers will cause problems for recovered and recovering COVID patients.

KSRTC resumes inter-State bus services to Tamil Nadu

Mysuru, Nov.13 (MTY&DM)- After an eight-month hiatus, the KSRTC has resumed bus services to the neighbouring State of Tamil Nadu from yesterday.

On the first day of resumption of bus service on Thursday, the KSRTC operated nine buses to Coimbatore, six to Ooty and one to Tiruppur.

Today, the KSRTC started operating trips to Erode and Chennai in addition.

Prior to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the subsequent nationwide lockdown, the KSRTC used to run 40 buses daily to various destinations in Tamil Nadu, including ordinary buses, Rajahamsa and Volvo buses, while Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation operated 30 buses daily.

KSRTC Mysuru Rural Divisional Controller Srinivas said that in the pre-COVID times, KSRTC used to run 40 buses to different destinations in Tamil Nadu. But after an eight month hiatus due to the deadly pandemic, the Division has resumed services to TN from Thursday with the operation of 20 buses.

Pointing out that passengers can reserve their tickets and are allowed to board buses en-route, Divisional Controller Srinivas said that measures have been taken to resume operations on a full scale as done during normal times.

National Co-operation Week from tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov.13 (MTY&DM)- The 67th National Co-operation Week will take place in the city and District from tomorrow (Nov.14) till Nov. 20.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, MUDA Chairman and District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev said that the theme for this year is 'Corona Crisis - Atmanirbhar Bharath - Co-operative Institutions.' Pointing out that all co-operative establishments in the district have been asked to hoist the Co-operative flag of 7 colours atop their buildings during the National Co-operation Week, he said that the programme will be inaugurated at Sahakara Bhavan on Chamaraja Double Road at 10 am tomorrow (Nov.14), following which there will be a lecture on the topic 'The role and responsibility of Co-operative Institutions in post Corona times.'

Stating that the week-long celebration will be a low key affair this year due to COVID-19 crisis, Rajeev said that the events will be celebrated at Mysuru taluk Co-operative complex Auditorium on Nov.15, at MyMUL Office in H.D. Kote on Nov.16, at Nagarle PACCS Office in Nanjangud taluk on Nov.17, Chamanahalli in T. Narasipur taluk on Nov.18, Ankanahalli in Hunsur taluk on Nov.19 and at Hitnebagilu PACCS in Periyapatna taluk on Nov.20.

District Co-operative Union Vice-President B.N. Sadanand was present at the press meet.

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Pages from History

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Bharat Ratna P. V. Kane

An Embodiment of Dharmasastra

Some years ago we (Sudha Murty, N. Ramanuja, Mathoor Krishnamurthy and myself) were discussing about various cultural events, publications and spiritual discourses at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Bangalore. Without our knowledge our conversation veered towards Dharmasastras and its modern interpreter *Bharat Ratna* Dr. P.V. Kane.

Dr. P. V. Kane

This multi-volume publication in English, known as *History of Dharmasastra* running to about 6,500 pages was the magnum opus of this great sage-like scholar. It was not an archaic publication dealing with socio-religious-legal history of ancient India but a vibrant modern book of knowledge without which an advocate cannot argue in a family litigation dealing with property, adoption, division, divorce etc. Perhaps such a compendium may not exist in any other language of the world.

Thus when we were admiring this publication, Sudha Murty lamented that this great treasure of knowledge is not available in Kannada, and the Kannada speaking public are denied of this great classic. She went a step further and offered to sponsor it if BVB could take it up with Mysore University.

Immediately, I told her that during the times of Prof. Dejagow and Ha. Ma. Nayak the translation work had been completed with the first volume being published and the entire manuscript was available in Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies, Manasagangothri.

They authorised me to negotiate with the then Vice-Chancellor. Our great Kannada writer Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa also wrote to the VC. I met the authorities and got an assurance of its publication immediately. The manuscript had been safely preserved by Dr. Pradhan Gurudatt (then the Chairman of Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi, Bangalore). Everything seemed rosy but nothing happened.

Any serious student of modern legal history cannot afford to ignore *History of Dharmasastra* authored by Mahamahopadhyaya Dr. Pandurang Vaman Kane. He was born in a village called Parasuram near Chiplun in Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra on May 7, 1880 in a Chitpavan Brahmin family of a good Sanskrit background.

After studying Sanskrit and Law he became a lecturer and subsequently enrolled himself as an advocate in Bombay High Court. In the midst of these professions, he found time and energy to write books and research papers running to about 15,000 pages in print.

He began his academic career by editing many Sanskrit classics. However, he planned the *History of Dharmasastra* in 1930 and completed it in 1962 in five volumes — 6,500 pages (1930, 1942, 1946, 1953, 1958). The list of books, manuscripts, inscriptions, records he had consulted in writing this book runs to 257 pages! He showed to the world that Dharmasastra is not a static text but an ever-growing revised versions of the code of conduct in social, economic, religious and legal fields.

High Court Judges, while disposing of cases of Hindu law, would ask the advocates, what does Dr. Kane say in this aspect? This publication brought great laurels to Kane. He was made Mahamahopadhyaya, conferred D. Litt, Honorary Membership of School of Oriental Studies, London, Doctorates from Poona (Pune), Allahabad and many other Universities. He was awarded the Sahitya Akademi award in 1956 for *History of Dharmaśāstra*, Vol. IV for his research under Sanskrit translation category.

He became National Professor, Member of Rajya Sabha, Vice-Chancellor of Bombay University, received Rashtrapathi's honour etc. To crown all these achievements, he was conferred *Bharat Ratna* by another *Bharat Ratna* and President of India Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. A rare sight to witness two *Bharat Ratnas* together.

Though he studied and analysed various Dharmasastra texts, he had no hesitation in pointing out their commissions and omissions with reference to modern thoughts and practices. He was a great humanist and took healthy interest with regard to poor and downtrodden. He helped many families in distress irrespective of their caste and community.

A widow (without the head shaven) went to Pandarapur and wanted to prostrate before Vithala by touching her head as was done by others. But the temple authorities did not permit her to do so till she shaved her head. Dr. Kane took up her case and argued without charging any fee and won her case.

The low caste Mahar people were not permitted to witness the famous Ganesha festival at Bombay by the Brahmin Sabha. Dr. Kane fought against this obnoxious practice and Mahars were permitted to witness Ganesha festival. Mahatma Gandhi expressed his happiness over the act of Dr. Kane.

Some poor people were fighting against the Indian Railways without any success. Dr. Kane took up their case without any fee and won their case which helped hundreds of people. Thus he became a man of the masses doing social service.

Late K.R. Mohan, a resident of our city, gave me details of Kane's visit to Mysuru in 1951 and meeting Kaulagi Seshachar, V. Sitaramaiah, T.N. Srikantayya and others. I had the good fortune of meeting him once at Bombay but did not have the courage to argue with him regarding the early geography of Maharashtra. I just got his blessings. Dr. Kane will be remembered as long as Indian legal system lasts.

An honorary member of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Dr. Pandurang Vaman Kane left for his heavenly abode on May 8, 1972, aged 92.

Children's and Dikshitar's Day celebrations on Nov.14 and 15

Mysuru, Nov.13- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, will be bringing musical performances by children and youngsters on the occasion of Children's Day, on its facebook page and YouTube channel on Saturday (Nov. 14) in two parts — from 10.30 am to 11.30 am and 5 pm to 7 pm. The three-hour programme includes vocal and instrumental music by 43 young disciples of various music teachers both in Karnatak and Hindustani styles.

Dikshitar's Day: Saint Composer Sri Muthuswamy Dikshitar (1775 - 1835) is one of the musical trinity of Karnatak classical music. He has the credit of composing 450 to 500 compositions, brilliantly crafted unveiling the complete beauty of each raga. They are considered as gems studded with musical, literary and philosophical aspects and are highly held by musicologists and widely sung by musicians. He has also composed some songs on western folk tunes. Ashwayuja Amavasya day during Deepavali was the day he left for heavenly abode.

On this occasion, Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha will be premiering Navagraha kritis composed by him in praise of the nine planets, rendered by nine young musicians on its Facebook page and YouTube channels on Sunday (Nov. 15) at 10.30 am.

Music-lovers are requested to watch both the programmes by visiting Sabha's Facebook page and YouTube channel, both at Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust and support the children and young artistes, according to a press release from Vid. H. K. Narasimhamurthy, Hon. Secretary [Ph: 0821-2512422].

Taking oath to keep COVID away

Mysuru, Nov. 13- In the wake of rise in COVID-19 cases, Taluk Health Officer Dr. Mahadev Prasad advocated that 'Prevention is better than cure'.

Addressing the gathering during an awareness and oath taking programme at Jan Shikshan Sansthan office premises, organised by the JSS Jan Shikshan Sansthan in association with Department Health and Family Welfare, Dr.Prasad said "Instead of getting infected and struggling to recover in case of any worse situation at ICU, it is better advised to take precautionary measures".

Dr. Prasad reiterated that "All should follow safety measures like wearing mask, maintaining social distance, wash hands with soap to sanitise themselves frequently. By doing so, people should pay tribute to those Corona Warriors like Doctors, Nurses, Pourakarmikas and also Police who have lost their lives in the line of duty".

Jayakeerthi, Sub-Inspector, Udayagiri, Mysuru, appreciated JSS Jan Shikshan Sansthan, for its effort to create awareness on COVID-19, mask distribution and food distribution during the lockdown period.

As many as 35 teaching faculty, students and staff of JSS Jan Shikshan Sansthan underwent COVID test through swab method. All tested negative.

Deputy District Health Education Officer Muneendramma kickstarted preparation for making 1,000 masks. JSS Jan Shikshana Sansthan Director D.M. Shashikala delivered introductory address. Advisor Channabasappa administered the oath.

Corona Warriors — Udayagiri PSI Jayakeerthi, Somanna and Rajendrappa of Health and Family Welfare Department — were felicitated. Programme Assistant Mahadev welcomed.

Hootagalli CMC to be formed

Mysuru City to get four Town Panchayats

Bengaluru, Nov.13 (KMS&DM)- In a big push for Mysuru city's infrastructure development and formation of Greater Mysuru, the State Government has decided to form Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC) comprising Koorgalli, Hootagalli, Belawadi and Hinkal Gram Panchayats, all in the outskirts of Mysuru.

Briefing presspersons after the State Cabinet meeting here yesterday, Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that the Cabinet also approved to upgrade Mysuru's Srirampura, Bogadi, Kadakola and Rammanahalli Gram Panchayats into Town Panchayats (TP).

In another major decision, the Cabinet decided to reduce the stamp duty on registration of industrial lands and purchase of apartments, by 2 percent. Taking into consideration the promotion of industries and the interests of the middle class, the Government has decided to reduce the stamp duty on registration of industrial land and apartments from the existing 5 percent to 3 percent, Madhuswamy said.

While Hootagalli CMC will have Hootagalli, Hinkal, Belawadi and Koorgalli Gram Panchayats, Bogadi Town Panchayat will include Bogadi, Dasanakoppal, Maratikyathanahalli, K. Hemmanahalli, Ganigarahundi, Sahukarhundi, Basavanapura, Kergalli and Badagalahundi Gram Panchayats. Srirampura Town Panchayat comprises Srirampura, Mahadevapura, Parasayyanahundi, Lingambudhipalya, Koppalur, Kalalawadi, Gulur and Ramabainagar, while Kadakola Town Panchayat will have Kadakola and Hosahundi Gram Panchayats and Rammanahalli Town Panchayat will include Rammanahalli, Kalisiddanahundi, Hanchya, Sathagalli, Bharathnagar and Alanahalli Gram Panchyats and also Nadanahalli and other areas outside the Outer Ring Road, coming under Alanahalli Gram Panchayat.

The process for formation of one CMC and four TPs began a year when the then Mysuru District Minister V. Somanna, during a progress review meeting, had discussed the issue in detail, following which a proposal was sent to the Government in this regard.

The proposal got a fresh push when the present District Minister S.T. Somashekar, who took charge in April this year, held a couple of meetings and subsequently, a final proposal was sent to the Municipal Administration Department for expediting the process of CMC and TPs formation. Thanks to the efforts of MP Pratap Simha, Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda and District Minister S.T. Somashekar, the State Cabinet has finally given its nod to the proposal.

The Cabinet decision has come at a time when efforts were being made to bring several villages and localities coming inside the Ring Road, under Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). It may be recalled that recently, a delegation led by MP Pratap Simha and MLA G.T. Devegowda, had met Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa at Bengaluru seeking the merger of several Gram Panchayats located in the outskirts of city with the MCC.

Prior to this, the MP and the MLA had written to the Mayor and the MCC Commissioner to get approval for inclusion of Gram Panchayats into MCC. But the MCC, which opposed to the idea, did not bring the issue under its agenda at the MCC Council Meeting held recently, during which several Corporators had urged the Government to sanction Rs.5,000 crore for infrastructure development in the Gram Panchayats which were proposed to be merged with the MCC.

An angry G.T. Devegowda had walked out of the Council Meeting in protest against the MCC's stance. Now, the State Cabinet, which met on Thursday, approved setting up of Hootagalli CMC and four TPs, which decision is seen as a victory for MP Pratap Simha and MLA G.T. Devegowda for their continuous efforts to bring several Gram Panchayats in the outskirts of the city within the jurisdiction of Mysuru city.

MLA G.T. Devegowda presenting a bouquet to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in Bengaluru recently as District Minister S.T. Somashekar and Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha look on.

GTD, Pratap Simha welcome Cabinet decision

Chamundeshwari JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda has welcomed the Cabinet decision, saying that there was a proposal for long on bringing Gram Panchayats coming within the Outer Ring Road under the MCC. There was also a proposal for formation of a CMC and a few TPs. But as the MCC opposed the idea, the decision of forming a CMC and four TPs had become inevitable. With most Gram Panchayats facing dearth of funds for infrastructure development, the Cabinet has come up with a good decision to boost city's infrastructure development and overall growth, he said.

Meanwhile, MP Pratap Simha said he was thankful to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa for the Cabinet approval for the formation of Hootagalli CMC and Srirampura, Kadakola, Bogadi and Rammanahalli Town Panchayats.

He was also thankful to Housing Minister V. Somanna, District In-charge Minister S.T. Somashekar and MLA G.T. Devegowda for their unwavering and whole hearted support over the issue, he added.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Perseverate

Pronunciation: per-SEV-uh-rayt.
Meaning: To repeat or recur persistently : to go back over previously covered ground; to exhibit perseveration : to show especially by speech or some other form of overt behavior the continual involuntary repetition of a mental act.
Origin: Looking at perseverate and perseveration, you may guess that the latter was formed by adding a suffix to the former, but that is not the case. Perseveration is actually the older term. It has been around since the 1500s, when it was used as a synonym of perseverance (which at one time was pronounced, like perseverate and perseveration, with the stress on sev, instead of on ver). In the early 1900s, psychologists adopted perseveration for the act of repeating a behavior over and over again—for instance, continually repeating the same syllable or word might be called "verbal perseveration." Shortly afterward, those scientists wanted a verb for such acts of repetition, so they changed the -tion of perseveration to -ate and perseverate was born.
Example: To ensure the accuracy of data, the scientist necessarily perseverates, repeating each experiment many times and comparing the results.

THE ODD WORD

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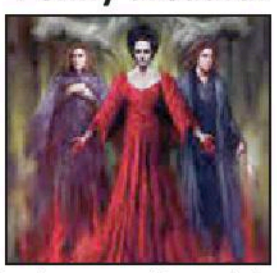
Government by children.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Penny dreadful



Meaning: A cheap publication, comntaining melodramas written in a colourful and down-market style.
Origin: Penny dreadful is a rather dated expression and isn't a description that is aimed at publications these days, not least because you can no longer buy magazines for a penny. The expression is American and came into use in the late 19th century as a pejorative term for the numerous cheap crime magazines that purveyed poorly written and hackneyed storylines. The establishment were critical of the time spent on such by the working classes, as this comment in the North American Review, 1861 indicates:
They can read the 'penny dreadful', but they cannot darn their stockings or mend their shoes. The term has recently been co-opted as the title of a popular British-American drama television series.

QUOTE BOX

Pennies do not come from heaven. They have to be earned here on earth.—**Margaret Thatcher**

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Solve the rebus:

Answer: Everything to play for.

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1	9	8	5	6	7	3	4	2
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5	2	7	4	3	9	8	6	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

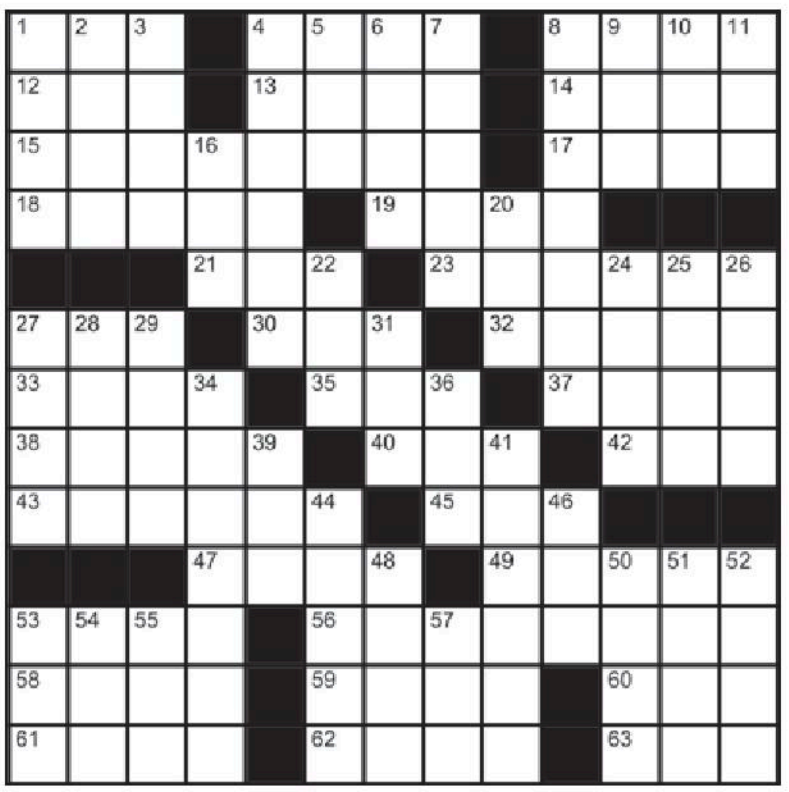
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Air Transport Assoc.
4 Small twist of straw
8 Honolulu's island
12 Come together
13 A late ___ : a time late in the night?
14 Stiffly formal
15 One who is being tested
17 Father or daddy
18 Water vapour
19 Nothing
21 Sydney st.
23 Bahamas capital
27 PFC's mail drop
30 Itch or desire
32 Senses or touches
33 Technology, in short?
35 Golf item
37 An auction, perhaps
38 Bone prefix
40 A run for the team but not for the batsman?
42 Trip cause
43 Money - slang usage?
45 Supplement with difficulty
47 Goad
49 Brother's daughter
53 Chain of rocks
56 Latin phrase for a rare bird? (4,4)
58 ___ Balsam: soothing ointment?
59 Food plan
60 Extra-terrestrials, abbr.
61 Mr. Kapoor of "Beta" fame
62 Bible book abbr.
63 French word for "born"

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	R	C	S	■	N	O	T	E	■	D	E	B
L	O	C	H	■	E	B	O	N	■	E	M	U
E	M	I	R	■	W	I	L	D	C	A	T	S
G	A	I	E	T	Y	■	L	O	R	D	■	■
■	■	■	W	E	E	K	S	■	A	L	A	R
S	A	N	D	M	A	N	■	A	G	I	L	E
T	W	O	■	P	R	E	E	N	■	E	A	T
E	R	O	D	E	■	A	L	T	E	R	E	D
M	Y	N	A	■	O	D	E	O	N	■	■	■
■	■	T	B	A	R	■	A	N	S	W	E	R
E	M	I	S	S	I	O	N	■	U	R	G	E
A	I	M	■	I	N	N	O	■	R	E	A	D
R	A	E	■	A	G	E	R	■	E	N	D	S

DOWN
1 Grows older
2 SMS
3 Wings or winglike parts
4 Capricious humour
5 Charged particle
6 Major canal
7 Arrange the feathers
8 Resists
9 Old time classic movie Alam ___
10 Trendy or fashionable
11 Thurman of Kill Bill
16 An adult male
20 British airforce in short
22 Damp or moist
24 Set one's ___ to : authorize or confirm?
25 ___ well that ends.....
26 Employed
27 The smallest indivisible particle of elements
28 Mexican money
29 Eight as a prefix
31 The peak of a cap
34 Cooperative
36 Needle feature
39 Paddle
41 India and Mumbai's ___ Solkar
44 Throng or crowd
46 Electronic Industries Assoc.
48 From which an orator may render his address?
50 Level in score
51 Refer to
52 Being in Latin
53 Reqd Time of Arr.
54 Long period of time
55 Inventor Whitney
57 Soak in water



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

KWB JBZK TSR KY XYUQEUXB S IYYM KWSK WB EZ

TFYUN EZ KY MBK WEH WSQB WEZ YTU TSR.

TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It's a toss-up when you decide to leave the beaten track. Many are called, but few are chosen.

State Cabinet approves Rs. 130 cr. to desilt Harangi Dam

Bengaluru/Mysuru, Nov. 13 (BCT)- The Karnataka Cabinet has accorded administrative approval to release Rs. 130 crore to remove silt from Harangi Dam at Somwarpet Taluk in Kodagu District. Harangi is the main Cauvery water supply reservoir from the catchment areas to Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya, the lifeline of South Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

The Cabinet that met yesterday in Bengaluru under the leadership of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa approved the release of money to desilt the Dam. The Cabinet approved irrigation and other water projects worth Rs. 3,500 crore including Rs. 130 crore Harangi desilting project. The Cabinet decision was disclosed to reporters by Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy.

Desilting Harangi Dam will enable the Reservoir to store more water that will help Mysuru and Harangi Dam Command Areas at the time of water crisis. This will also add to the storage capacity of the upstream dams. Farmers in the Harangi Command Areas require over 18 tmcft (thousand million cubic feet) water for a crop in Harangi command areas. Despite Harangi Reservoir getting filled two to three times during rainy season, the authorities are not able to supply water for summer crops due to accumulated silt.

The Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (CNNL) had submitted a proposal of Rs. 130 crore to the State Government along with a Detailed Project Report (DPR).

During the natural calamity that hit Kodagu in 2018 and last year, several landslides had occurred in Harangi Basin area. Thousands of tonnes of sand and rocks mixed with trees were washed away from Hattihole and Madapura regions during the floods and massive landslides. The landslides had led to the accumulation of a huge amount of soil in Kootupole, Hattihole and Madapurahole which are prime water sources of River Harangi.

As a result, the water storage capacity had declined in the river. Also, the farmers had been urging the authorities to remove the silt to increase water storage capacity. Without desilting, much of the water will run waste during rainy season.

Over one tmcft of silt has accumulated at Harangi Dam. As there is a heavy silt deposit, enough water cannot be stored, leading to annual water shortage, the CNNL had recommended to the Government to take measures to remove silt so that more water can be stored.

Following the requirement, the State Government had asked the Karnataka Engineers Research Station (KERS) located at KRS Dam to conduct a survey of the river to ascertain the amount of silt deposited in the Dam. The KERS had assigned the task to Geo-Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd. and the team conducted the survey in February last year.

Geo-Marine Solutions team did a Bathymetric Survey in Harangi backwaters. (Bathymetric Survey allows scientists to measure the depth of a water body as well as map the underwater features of a water body). The survey was conducted using 'Echo sounder' to estimate the depth and this data was compared with the original Dam data to calculate silt accumulated.

PHCs to function 24x7 soon, says Health Minister

Bengaluru, Nov.13 (SSV)- Soon, Primary Health Centres (PHCs) will function 24x7, said Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

Speaking to reporters after a meeting with doctor-legislators here yesterday, he said necessary amendments will be made to the existing rules to make the PHCs work round-the-clock to attend medical emergencies of citizens.

According to specification, there should be one PHC for 30,000 people but it was not followed in many districts. The State has over 2,300 PHCs and new PHCs will be established with financial assistance of World Bank.

Quality of treatment will not be comprised be it for PHCs or super speciality hospitals. A comprehensive policy is being formulated for this purpose. The proposed policy will include out of turn promotion for the health staff who work in rural areas and free education for their kids. Unfortunately, a few doctors were not ready to serve in rural areas, he bemoaned.

Dr. K. Sudhakar

The Minister said recruitment process is on to select 2,500 doctors including 1,250 MBBS doctors, 950 experts and 150 dentists. Besides, 1,500 Senior Resident Medical Officers will be recruited directly. All the existing vacancies of doctors, paramedics and nurses in PHCs, Community Health Centres and District Hospitals will be filled up by December this year and January next year, he added.

Replying to a question, he said COVID-19 was under control in the State since last 15 days and the Case Fatality Rate (CFR) has dropped to less than one per cent. However, people should take all precautions till the arrival of vaccine.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 13)

- **The Planning Forum, DoS in Economics and Co-operation, University of Mysore (UoM), Manasagangothri:** National Online Webinar on 'Current Issues and Economic Development,' Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Distinguished Professor and former VC, KSOU and UoM and Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, VC, UoM, chief guests, Prof. N.R. Bhanumurthy, VC, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru, speaks on 'COVID-19 and Macroeconomic Policy Responses in India' and Prof. R.S. Deshpande, former Director, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru speaks on 'Understanding the Genesis and Implications of New Farm Act,' YouTube Live: *https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCGwp6Ko7TGjtqWn-LE7eAA;* Google forms: *https://forms.gle/vdgjxvnb8HTM4NFm9;* Zoom: *https://zoom.us/j/93521717047?pwd=QjVtYUZuZDNWc1FCME50clFBRExVUT09* [Meeting ID: 935 2171 7047; Passcode: 418888], **5 pm to 7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 14)

- **Mysore Art Gallery:** Children's Day special, interaction with child achievers — Shreshta S. Japtimath, M. Mahendra Prasad and G.S. Nandish; Sri Rajarajeshwari Vasthralankara Proprietor B.M. Ramachandra inaugurates art expo, Gallery premises, Ramanuja Road, **11 am.**

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	(S-2)	5.00 pm
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		6.00 pm
Ek Tha Tiger (H)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Bunty Aur Babli (H)	(S-1)	5.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

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